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# SPACEMAKER

SM-ALC vision statement: "Completing the mission of McClellan AFB with professionalism and honor"



## AT A GLANCE

### Federal Managers Association holds Townhall Lunch

The Federal Managers Association will hold a Townhall Luncheon, July 14, 12 - 2 p.m., at the NCO Club. The featured guest is Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Civilian Personnel Policy, Diane M. Disney, Ph.D. The cost is \$8 for non-FMA members.

For more information and tickets, call Bonnie Shopbell, 643-3418; Kent Williams, 643-1227; Phyllis Johnson, 643-1223; Gail Stillwell, 643-0202, Ext. 582; Hugh Dorning, 643-3800, Ext. 442; Wanda Howard, 643-2550. Ticket sale cutoff is tomorrow.

### CGOQ luncheon

The Company Grade Officer and Outstanding Airmen of the Quarter awards luncheon will be held at the NCO Club June 31 at 11:30 a.m. Tickets may be purchased through unit First Sergeants or by calling Master Sgt. Willie Shannon, 643-2203. The cost is \$7 (club member) and \$9 (nonclub member).

Questions regarding the CGOQ awards program or luncheon may be directed to 1st Lt. Tom Knowles, 643-6127, or Capt. Chris Wyckoff, 643-2951.

### Hail and Farewell

The next Hail and Farewell is scheduled for July 24, at 4 p.m., in the Officers' Club ballroom. This is a mandatory formation for all officers assigned to McClellan. If your organization needs podium time, please have someone from your organization contact Lt. Ron Cheatham at 643 2203 by July 21.

### MPF new service hours

The new Military Personnel Flight customer service hours are from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Beginning Sept. 1, the customer service hours are from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. MPF will still continue to issue ID cards on the last Saturday of each month.

For more information, call Capt. Kevin Brooks or Master Sgt. Valentino Ubaldo at 643-5427.

## CE saves diners from the 'hot seat'



**Above:** When the air conditioning unit in the Sierra Inn Dining Hall went out and summer finally began, the 77th Civil Engineer Group came to the rescue. In a day and a half, they did a full week's work and had cool air flowing into the facility. Staff Sgt. Matthew Wilson drives a loader while Staff Sgt. Darrin Swafford guides him in placing the 25 ton air conditioning unit. It will be used until October, when a contractor can place a permanent unit on the roof.

*Photos courtesy of  
77th Civil Engineer Group*



On the hottest day of the year, the 77th Civil Engineer Group was in the sun rigging a temporary air conditioning unit to cool the Base dining hall. All wiring and ducting had to be specially designed and placed to attach to the permanent facility. Two temporary units are being used to cool the facility. One was made nearly all from surplus supplies already on base.

## Mather Hospital converted to VA facility

**1st Lt. John S. Hutcheson**  
SM-ALC Public Affairs

The McClellan Hospital at Mather Field officially became a Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility in a ceremony held June 30 at the hospital.

The changeover means good news for local area veterans and TRICARE eligible retirees and dependents who will be able to take advantage of expanded services at the clinic, including cancer treatment, coronary care, dermatology and a new women's health clinic. In addition, the VA plans to spend \$48 million to upgrade and expand the hospital's current facilities.

The transfer means that 400 to 500 veterans can receive medical services each day with a capacity of 100,000 outpatient visits each year.

During the ceremony, 77th Medical Group Commander, Col. (Dr.) Roger Bower presented the ceremonial key for the facility to Dr. Brian J. O'Neill, acting director of the Veterans Affairs Northern

California Health Care System.

SM-ALC Commander Maj. Gen. Eugene L. Tattini spoke at the ceremony and praised those who facilitated the transition. "Sacramento County officials and the Air Force have worked very hard over the last five years to make the conversion of Mather Field to public use a reality," said Tattini. "Today's transfer of the McClellan Hospital to the Department of Veterans Affairs marks the final Air Force presence at Mather."

"It's heartening to know that the Sacramento community and the Department of Veterans Affairs are committed to seeing that our veterans get the kind of 'home-

town' health care services they so richly deserve," added Tattini.

Dr. Kenneth Kizer, undersecretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs said the central location of the facility would be a real advantage for local veterans. "People are no longer going to have to drive to the Bay area or elsewhere to get care," said Kizer.

At the end of the ceremony, two local veterans were honored for their distinguished military service. Kizer presented Carl Kobrock, 104 years old, and Charlie Czolgacz, 98 years old, with letters of commendation signed by President Bill Clinton.



Undersecretary of Health, for the Department of Veterans Affairs, Dr. Kenneth Kizer presents Charlie Czolgacz with a letter signed by President Clinton at the end of the Mather Hospital transfer ceremony June 30.

U.S. Air Force Photo by  
Henry Walker Jr.

## ACTION LINE

**643-3344**  
**Action Line**  
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5241 Arnold Ave.  
McClellan AFB, CA 95652-1086  
**email: Actionline**

Since I've been your wing commander, I've had much opportunity to hear from you on how we can make things better. This **Action Line** has been a key avenue and remains a good means to obtain feedback on how we're doing and how we can improve.

If you have or see a problem, try to work it through the responsible agency or activity first, since that will provide the most rapid resolution or action. If you still can't get the problem resolved, then try to work it through your chain of command. If the problem still exists after you've taken these two steps, then let me know so we can try to help.

In your request, please be brief, but include enough information to address the entire issue. Also, please let me know the specific action you want taken. I need your name, duty phone, and address so that we may send you a written response. I treat each call very seriously



**Col. W.P. "Bear" Ard**  
**77th Air Base Wing commander**

and read each response. If I feel the issue is of interest to the entire McClellan community, we may also print it and the response in the **Spacemaker**.

Our overall goal is to better serve you. In this same vein, we also like to highlight those areas that provide high quality or exceptional support, so we can build upon and expand them. To do these things, I need your involvement.

I also welcome your input in other ways. On a quarterly basis, I hold Town Hall meetings with community members, and I regularly meet with various groups on base (the Chiefs, First Sergeants, etc.). Please plug into one of these avenues to get your voice heard. You have a say in how we serve you!

AAFES.....	920-0537
Civilian Pay.....	643-6725
Civil Engineering.....	643-5624
Civilian Personnel .....	643-2860
Commissary .....	643-4954
Crime Stop Hotline.....	643-6161
Dining Hall .....	643-5092
Family Support Center .....	643-1106
Focus Center #1 .....	643-5661
Fraud, Waste & Abuse .....	643-6000
Housing .....	643-6221
Legal .....	643-3150

Lodging .....	643-6223
Medical .....	
.....McClellan Clinic--	643-8300
.....Mather Hospital---	643-7110
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### Air Force Vision

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### Air Force Materiel Command Vision

*"Quality Systems for America's Air Force"*

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## Security Forces Kudos

***I want to express my appreciation to Senior Airman Ward of the Security Forces Squadron. He was very kind and helpful to my family while my husband was TDY. His attitude is commendable and he's a great example to my son.***

**A** Senior Airman David Ward is an outstanding example of the many fine airmen we have in the Security Forces Squadron. I am very pleased to know he was helpful to your family and has been a role model to your son. He recently returned from Military Police Investigations school, where he was TDY for two months. I will be sure to pass on your kind words.

## Child Care Concerns

***I don't understand the fee system at the Youth Center. I think they are***

*different than the way fees are billed at the Child Development Center. Aren't there matching government funds for this? Also - why is the Youth Center closed on Sunday? For people to get full use of the program, the facilities need be open when they are need.*

**A** The Child Care Act of 1989 and 1996 ensured the Child Development Center would have Appropriated Fund matching funds. School Age program parents pay fees to finance the salaries, benefits, training, consumable supplies and food labor expenses not reimbursed by the USDA Child and Adult Food Programs. These fees are set by HQ AF/ILV annually. There is no requirement to match SA fees with appropriated funds support to purchase equipment, supplies, travel, training, food and contract personnel. The program goal is to break even financially. Late fee charges are assessed on Tuesday at both the CDC and SA programs can be paid on Monday each week or monthly.

In the past, Sunday programs were discontinued due to lack of participation. We will survey parents to determine whether there is a need for a Sunday program.

If your child's schedule of attendance changes while attending the SA program, fees also change, so you pay for the service you receive. The regular school schedule varies during the school year so you are given six options for paying fees: Before School program with breakfast, 6:14 - 8 a.m.; Before School program with breakfast, 6:15 - 10:40 a.m.; After School program with snack, 11:55 - 6 p.m.; After School program with snack, 2 - 6 p.m.; Off Track program, no lunch, 6:15 - 6 p.m. and Day Camp program during the summer.

These options are not needed at the CDC because children attend either all day, all year, or part-day pre school, Sept. through June.

For further information, please contact Karen Sanders, Youth Center Director, 643-3946 or Betty Ona, Family Member Support Flight Chief, 643-6660.

# Museum will stay at McClellan

**Laura J. Williams**  
Staff Writer

The McClellan Aviation Museum will remain open in its present location. Retired General Charles Metcalf, director of the Air Force Museum System delivered the good news in a visit to the museum June 29.

The museum has held a bevy of fund raising activities to save the museum. In the end, World War II fighter pilot and local businessman, Hardy Setzer, and his foundation filled the financial gap to keep the museum's doors open. The Setzer Foundation will also match any new or renewing membership fees to help continue to fund the museum.

The McClellan Aviation Museum Foundation is now working on a transition plan to detail the steps that need to be taken to move from being governed by the Air Force to a working relationship with Sacramento County, their future landlord.

Volunteers are working on a memorandum of understanding between Sacramento County, the U.S. Air Force, and the McClellan Aviation Museum Foundation. There are plans to combine with the California Military Museum and move its collection to McClellan.

A full time curator will be hired for the museum. If you are interested in this position, or in becoming a member of the McClellan Aviation Museum, contact Tony Gabbard at 643-3192.



U. S. Air Force Photo by Laura J. Williams

Fred Lohse, McClellan Aviation Museum Director; John Weber, Air Force Materiel Command Historian; Scott Ferguson, U.S. Air Force Museum Collections Division Chief; retired Brig. Gen. Charles D. Metcalf, Air Force Museums Director; Jim Wilson, McClellan Aviation Museum Foundation President; met on the day that Metcalf gave the good news that the Aviation Museum will be allowed to remain after closure.



# Operationalizing quality -- what it means to you

**Gen. George T. Babbitt**

Commander, Air Force Materiel Command

As the Air Force continues on the quality journey, Air Force Materiel Command too, is still evolving from a basic awareness of quality philosophies and principles to a culture where continuous improvement is instilled in our daily lives.

Our objective is to have a culture where, without thinking about quality, we can consistently produce

products and services better, faster and cheaper. That is what we really mean when we refer to "operationalizing quality."

The Air Force developed a mission essential task list that embarks on the Chief of Staff's effort to instill operational quality into the Air Force. The Air Force

approach to identifying mission-essential tasks down to the unit level, will help us focus our efforts.

We developed nine key tasks that form the AFMC mission essential task list. This task list



Gen. George T. Babbitt

was a key ingredient when AFMC's senior leaders convened this past April and May in two conferences dedicated to strategic planning. They participated in a process to examine and understand the

command's role in the 21st century Air Force and develop a new strategic plan. Out of this evolved five command strategic objectives to support the AFMC mission essential task list and will go a long way to operationalize quality in AFMC.

The following is a specific list of

tasks I consider to be key enablers to improve AFMC mission performance in support of the Air Force goals of Quality People, Operational Performance and Modernization:

- Provide technical support for fielded systems
- Provide and deliver reparable and consumable items
- Provide organic depot repair capability for fielded weapons systems
- Provide and sustain combat and support information systems
- Provide community services and property management for AFMC installations
- Provide information services for AFMC installations
- Develop and acquire weapon systems that are effective in combat operations
- Demonstrate and transition affordable, advanced technologies to better achieve Air Force core competencies
- Test and evaluate the functionality and performance of weapons systems

This summer, we'll continue to

refine these tasks, with special emphasis on determining the cost of doing business, measuring cost versus output, and most importantly, demanding improved mission performance at the least possible cost.

Each of the AFMC business areas is currently developing its strategic plan in support of these tasks. The September 1998 issue of the Leading Edge will be dedicated to AFMC's strategic plan.

To achieve the objectives in the plan, we need your commitment to do your part of the tasks at the installation level and below. With your assistance, and the innovation that is the hallmark of what we do in AFMC, we will meet our ultimate goal of operationalizing quality within AFMC.

The proof of our success will be attaining cost reduction and performance excellence across the command ... this is the true measure of quality being embedded in everything we do.

You can also refer to: <http://www.xp.hq.af.mil/xpx/> for more information on the Air Force effort to operationalize quality.

## Some closing thoughts on Mather Hospital

**Col. Edward F. Torres**

Administrator and Deputy Group Commander, 77th Medical Group

I don't know of anybody in the Air Force who wanted base closure at McClellan. On the other hand, I don't think anybody in the Department of Veteran Affairs wanted an earthquake at their Martinez facility back in 1989. I learned early on in life that when you get lemons, make lemonade. Like that lesson, the transfer of the McClellan Hospital at Mather Field to the VA is a story of how two agencies found a way to make the best of two bad situations, and in so doing, created a success story that will result in a victory for our patients, as well as American taxpayers.

In 1989, when the Loma Prieta earthquake rendered the VA's Martinez facility as unsafe for inpatient use, the VA started a search for a alternative site. Several studies investigated multiple sites and affiliations with various institutions, with costs ranging in the neighborhood of \$250 million in construction requirements alone.

While this drama played out, base closure for McClellan was announced in 1995. However, it was the Base Realignment and Closure round of 1993 that placed the former Mather Air Force Base Hospital under the management and command of the 77th Air Base Wing at McClellan Air Force Base. After much planning, the two facilities from different major commands merged and became the 77th Medical Group. At that time, the leadership of the 77th MDG began executing a partnership with the VA, who was looking to expand the options for veterans in Northern California. As a result, the VA has shared the Mather Hospital with the 77th MDG since 1995.

In 1997, the VA conducted a study by Price

Waterhouse to determine the most cost effective means to replace the Martinez facility. The study, released last October, recommended the VA establish a small hospital at the Mather site, as well as develop a network of affiliations with local underutilized civilian hospitals, and establish VA outpatient clinics at former closed military installations in the area, such as Mare Island. A new VA outpatient clinic at Travis Air Force Base was also recommended. Based on this study, the U.S. Congress authorized over \$48 million in improvements to the Mather Field Hospital, as well as several million in upgrades to Mare Island and \$13.5 million for a new clinic at Travis. For taxpayers, this approach has saved hundreds of millions of dollars in unnecessary major construction. These savings would not have been possible were it not for the successful partnership between the VA and the 77th Medical Group at Mather Field.

Every member of the 77th Medical Group staff sacrificed greatly to make this happen; incurring personal expense by driving up and down Watt Avenue several times daily between McClellan and Mather and by going the extra mile (literally) to share working arrangements with the VA. All of us were affected by it somehow; some more than others. I know of one nurse who had an accident on Watt Avenue, leaving a nice swipe across the side of her new van, and I'm sure there were more I don't know about. Yet I never once heard a complaint from anybody about having to make that drive.

The VA Mather Hospital will now become a member of the TRICARE network of providers and create several hundred permanent jobs in the Sacramento area. They will continue to see VA beneficiaries as well as TRICARE eligible patients after the July 1 turnover. As the 77th Medical Group consolidates resources at the

McClellan Clinic, we will continue offering robust health care to TRICARE Prime patients up until base closure in 2001. The TRICARE network will also continue offering complete services to all eligible beneficiaries both now and after base closure.

True, it is an emotional moment to walk away from the facility that was the Mather Air Force Base Hospital. Many of us have fond memories of the place, not to mention it being the last Air Force facility in the

proud history of what was once

Mather Air Force Base. We should all feel this way, but we should also feel proud of turning over a facility that will remain a vital, important element in the future of Sacramento. Had it not been for this transfer, the Air Force could have very well walked away from a facility destined to be mothballed and left to deteriorate into an unsightly reminder of just how ugly base closures can get. Sacramento County, already weary of the closure process, did not need another reminder. The city and county of Sacramento, our patients, the Air Force and the VA owe a great deal to the pioneers of the 77th Medical Group who made this happen. I have been very proud to serve with each and every one of you. Talk about making lemonade out of life's lemons ... I salute you!



Col. Edward F. Torres

FOCUS Center  
Jobs

*This section contains job announcements from the McClellan FOCUS Centers. For additional information, contact one of the FOCUS Centers: #1, 643-5661; #2, 643-0086; #3, 643-6808; #4, 643-6648.*

**Position:** Social Science Environmental Manager, GS-0101-05/07,Biological Science Environmental Manager, GS-0401-05/07, Architect, Landscape, GS-0807-05/07, Physical Science Environmental Manager, GS-1301-05/07  
**Annc#:** 98-282DEA  
**Close:** July 13  
**Agency:** U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers  
**Location:** Sacramento  
**POC:** Federica Lee, (916) 557-6621  
**Remarks:** Promotion potential is GS-11. This is an interdisciplinary position. Phone agency to request the full vacancy announcement or submit your request on-line.

**Position:** Social Science Environmental Manager, GS-0101-09/11, Biological Science Environmental Manager, GS-0401-09/11 Architect, Landscape, GS-0807-09/11, Physical Science Environmental Manager, GS-1301-09/11  
**Annc#:** 98-282  
**Close:** July 13  
**Agency:** U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers  
**Location:** Sacramento  
**POC:** Federica Lee, (916) 557-6621  
**Remarks:** Promotion potential is GS-11. This is an interdisciplinary position. Phone agency to request the full vacancy announcement or submit your request on-line.

**Position:** Civil Engineer, GS-0810-11  
**Annc#:** 98-268DEA  
**Close:** July 13  
**Agency:** U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers  
**Location:** Sacramento  
**POC:** Federica Lee, (916) 557-6621  
**Remarks:** Phone agency to request the full vacancy announcement or submit your request on-line.

**Position:** Office Assistant, GS-0303-05  
**Annc#:**FWS1-98-296  
**Close:** July 20  
**Agency:** Fish And Wildlife Service  
**Location:** Sacramento  
**POC:** (503) 231-2018  
**Remarks:** Review vacancy announcement and call agency for forms and KSA's.

**Position:** Office Automation Clerk, GS-0326-04  
**Annc#:** FWS1-98-289  
**Close:** July 20  
**Agency:** Fish And Wildlife Service  
**Location:** Sacramento  
**POC:** (503) 231-2018  
**Remarks:** Two positions to be filled. Review vacancy announcement and call agency for forms and KSA's.

**Position:** Purchasing Agent, GS-1105-05  
**Annc#:**FWS1-98-291  
**Close:** July 27  
**Agency:** Fish And Wildlife Service  
**Location:** Sacramento  
**POC:** (503) 231-2018  
**Remarks:** Review vacancy announcement and call agency for forms and KSA's.

Post Office may offer examination

The United States Postal Service examination, may be administered on base if there is enough interest. Anyone wishing to participate must respond to this inquiry by July 20. If at least 150 employees are interested, the testing date may be August 25. Call FOCUS Center #3, at 643-6808, or FOCUS Center #1, at 643-5661 to place your name on the list of interested persons.

The positions being tested for are: City Carrier, Clerk, Distribution Clerk, Machine, Flat Sorting Machine Operator, Mail Handler, Mail Processor and Mark-Up Clerk.

All postal positions start out part-time flex, and new employees serve a 90-day probation period before being accepted into a career position.

The Post Office just closed a general testing session. If you have already taken that examination and your score was 70 percent or higher, there is no need to retake the test. The Post Office Personnel staff will add your name to the special “Non-Competitive Hire” register for McClellan employees. This register differs from the general register in that scores are not a factor as long as you make the minimum score of 70 percent. Only McClellan career employees will receive this “Pass or Fail” rating.

Once a firm date is scheduled for the examination, the Post Office will hold a briefing to answer questions and concerns. For further information call Juliann Matsuoka, 643-6808.

Base enlisted make career transitions

*Congratulations go out to the following McClellan airmen and NCOs who have made career advancements in the past month.*

**June 24 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy Class 98-D graduates**  
Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth C. Kokalski 364th Recruiting Squadron  
Senior Master Sgt. Enrique R. Shaw 938th Engineering Installation Squadron  
Senior Master Sgt. Rick A. Suggs 77th Operations Support Squadron  
Master Sgt. Leslie B. Martel 940th Combat Logistics Support Squadron

**June 26 Airman Leadership School Class 98-E graduates**  
Senior Airman Brian S. Bussie 938th Engineering Installation Squadron  
Senior Airman Michael P. Courtney 77th Civil Engineer Group  
Senior Airman Paul W. Hamrick Technical Operations Division  
Senior Airman Reginald B. Hinton 938th Engineering Installation Squadron  
Senior Airman William P. Hopkins 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron  
Senior Airman Robert L. Jackson, III 77th Medical Group  
Senior Airman Richell T. Martinez 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron  
Senior Airman Karen Myers 77th Medical Group  
Senior Airman Wesley A. Smith, Sr. 77th Civil Engineer Group  
Senior Airman Silvia V. Wadkins 77th Mission Support Squadron  
Senior Airman Darin S. Wilt 938th Engineering Installation Squadron

July enlisted promotees					
FROM	NAME	UNIT	TO	EFF DATE	
Senior Master Sgt.	Stanton H. Perez	77 SFS	Chief Master Sgt.	July 1	
Staff Sgt.	Bernard Velasquez	TOD	Tech Sgt.	July 1	
Senior Airman	Michael Courtney	77 CES	Staff Sgt.	July 1	
Senior Airman	William P. Hopkins	652 CLSS	Staff Sgt.	July 1	
Senior Airman	Andre L. Bedgood	938 EIS	Staff Sgt.	July 1	
Senior Airman	David W. Blakely	652 CLSS	Staff Sgt.	July 1	
Senior Airman	Shawn M. Bransky	77 MDSS	Staff Sgt.	July 1	
Senior Airman	Robert C. Duncan	TOD	Staff Sgt.	July 1	
Senior Airman	Sylvia B. Morris	652 CLSS	Staff Sgt.	July 1	
Senior Airman	Steven M. Rybitski	77 SFS	Staff Sgt.	July 1	
Senior Airman	Karen Schierhorst	77 MSS	Staff Sgt.	July 1	
Airman 1st Class	Raymundo Chavez	938 EIS	Senior Airman	June 7	
Airman 1st Class	Rachel L. Wright	77 OSS	Senior Airman	June 17	
Airman 1st Class	Jason V. Alsept	77 CES	Senior Airman	June 29	
Airman 1st Class	Summer M. Bland	77 CS	Senior Airman-BTZ	June 27	
Airman 1st Class	Denise M. Calderon	77 CS	Senior Airman	June 28	
Airman 1st Class	David T. Corder	77 CS	Senior Airman	June 28	
Airman 1st Class	Heather M. Crass	77 OSS	Senior Airman	June 28	
Airman 1st Class	Mikali S. Dishong	77 AEERMS	Senior Airman	June 14	
Airman 1st Class	Ritchie A. Inman	77 CS	Senior Airman	June 28	
Airman 1st Class	Joshua r. Mal	77 SFS	Senior Airman	June 14	
Airman 1st Class	Jesus J. Martinez	77 CS	Senior Airman	June 7	
Airman 1st Class	Marv O. Rosseau, Jr.	938 EIS	Senior Airman	June 28	
Airman 1st Class	Baudelio Saenz, II	77 CS	Senior Airman	June 21	
Airman 1st Class	Erick L. Tilton	938 EIS	Senior Airman	June 7	
Airman	Theresa L. Cline	77 CS	Airman 1st Class	June 5	
Airman	Anthony J. Harper	77 CEG	Airman 1st Class	June 12	
Airman	Mathieu J. Herbelin	777 CES	Airman 1st Class	June 26	
Airman	Tamiya L. Mansfield	77 MDSS	Airman 1st Class	June 5	
Airman	Kim R. Matthews	938 EIS	Airman 1st Class	June 5	
Airman	Zakia N. Tate	77 MDOS	Airman 1st Class	June 26	
Airman Basic	Komecius J. Jordan	938 EIS	Airman	June 10	
Airman Basic	Phillip J. Lambert	77 CES	Airman	June 3	
Airman Basic	Eugene H. Jones, III	77 SFS	Airman	June 10	
Airman Basic	Francisco J. Torres	77 MSS	Airman	June 10	





The following incidents were selected directly from the 77th Security Forces Squadron daily police blotters.

Compiled by Senior Airman Lisa Baylis  
77th Security Forces Squadron

June 1

- The law enforcement desk received notification of an unattended death of a civilian employee at Bldg. 655. Security Forces Investigation and AFOSI personnel responded. AFOSI took responsibility for the investigation.
- The law enforcement desk received notification of two juveniles suspected of breaking into a residence at Capehart Housing. Contact was made with the military member occupants who conducted an inspection of the residence. Security Forces Investigation personnel were briefed and responded. Investigation pending.

June 2

- The law enforcement desk received notification of a vehicle accident with no injuries reported in the parking lot of Bldg. 98. Investigation revealed both vehicle operators attempted to back out of adjacent parking stalls, causing the minor collision. Both vehicle operators exchanged information.

June 3

- Security forces patrolmen had detained a non-base affiliate at the Visitor Reception Center for attempting to gain access to the installation utilizing an insurance policy issued to another vehicle. Further investigation revealed an expired registration and a current registration sticker attached to the rear license plate. The individual was cited into Federal Magistrate Court on several violations and denied access onto the installation.

June 4

- The law enforcement desk received notification of a vehicle accident with no injuries reported in the parking lot of Bldg. 98. Patrolmen responded to investigate which revealed a vehicle operator, while attempting to back out of a parking stall, struck another vehicle. Both vehicle operators exchanged information.

June 5

- The law enforcement desk received notification of a vehicle accident with no injuries reported in the parking lot of Bldg. 678. Investigation revealed the vehicle operator, while attempting to back out of a parking stall, struck a parked golf cart.

June 7

- The law enforcement desk received notification of a vehicle accident with no injuries reported in the Visitor Reception Center parking lot. Investigation revealed the wheel-well of a trailer attached to a vehicle had struck the passenger door of a parked vehicle, while attempting to back out of the parking lot. Both vehicle operators exchanged information.
- The Palm Gate entry controller had detained a vehicle operator he suspected to be under the influence of narcotics. Patrolmen responded to investigate which revealed a non-base affiliate had attempted to make a U-turn at the gate. Further investigation revealed the individual had several narcotic items in the vehicle. The individual was detained and transported to the law enforcement desk for further processing. The items were seized and turned over to Security Forces Investigation personnel. The individual was cited in Federal Magistrate Court.

June 8

- An Air Force member turned himself in for desertion at Palm Gate. Contact was made with the appropriate Air Force personnel who confirmed his status. The member was issued a provisional pass and transported to billeting until further arrangements could be made. The member was returned to his unit the following day to face desertion charges.

June 9

- A Navy member turned himself in for desertion at the law enforcement desk. Contact was made with appropriate Navy personnel who confirmed his status. The member was issued a provisional pass for transfer arrangements. The member was returned to his unit to face desertion charges.

June 10

- A civilian employee reported damage to his vehicle in the parking lot of Flashback's. Patrolmen responded to investigate which revealed the windshield was shattered due to possible debris from a lawnmower.
- A civilian employee reported a possible counterfeit bill at the commissary. Patrolmen responded to seize the \$50 bill. AFOSI investigation pending.

June 11

- A non-base affiliate reported she had detained two individuals suspected of stealing her bicycle from her off-base residence. Patrolmen responded to investigate which revealed one military member's son and one non-base affiliated juvenile had confessed to taking the bicycle from the off-base residence. Contact was made with Sacramento Sheriff's Office who responded and took control of the incident.
- A military member reported the attempted break-in of his residence in Capehart Housing. Patrolmen and Security Forces Investigation personnel responded to investigate which revealed an unidentified individual attempted to break into the residence by removing the window screen. Investigation pending.

June 12

- The law enforcement desk received several notifications of thefts from unsecured vehicles parked in Capehart Housing. Investigation revealed various personal items, ranging from coins in ashtrays, compact disks and a cellular phone, were stolen from unlocked vehicles while parked in front of residences. Investigation pending.
- A military member's spouse reported the possible break-in at her

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—Military Justice Actions for June 1998—

Article 15s:

Date Processed: June 1

Rank: Senior Airman

Unit: TOD

UCMJ Article: 134

Offense: Drunk and disorderly

Punishment: Reprimand.

Date Processed: June 3

Rank: Tech. Sgt.

Unit: TOD

UCMJ Article: 92

Offense: Sexual harassment

Punishment: Reduction to Staff Sgt.; Reprimand.

Date Processed: June 11

Rank: 1st Lt.

Unit: 77th MDOS

UCMJ Articles: 86 and 133

Offense: Go from appointed place of duty;

Unprofessional relationship with enlisted female (2 specifications)

Punishment: Forfeiture of \$1600 pay per month for two months; Reprimand.

Date Processed: June 15

Rank: Airman

Unit: 77th MDSS

UCMJ Article: 134

Offense: Disorderly conduct

Punishment: Forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months, one month suspended; Reprimand.

Date Processed: June 15

Rank: Airman Basic

Unit: 77th DS

UCMJ Article: 92

Offense: Dereliction of duties

Punishment: Forfeiture of \$100 pay per month

for two months, one month suspended; 30 days restriction, 27 days suspended.

Date Processed: June 16

Rank: Airman 1st Class

Unit: 938th EIS

UCMJ Article: 134

Offense: Disorderly conduct

Punishment: Reprimand.

Date Processed: June 16

Rank: Airman 1st Class

Unit: 77thCES

UCMJ Articles: 92 and 134

Offense: AMEX Abuse (3 specifications); Dishonorable failure to pay debt

Punishment: Reduction to Airman Basic, reduction to the grade of Airman effective immediately and reduction to Airman Basic suspended; 30 days extra duty.

# FERS Open Season Update

## Courtesy of Civilian Personnel

A decision to transfer to Federal Employees Retirement System requires many considerations. It may be helpful for civilian employees to review the three considerations listed below concerning retirement eligibility and cost of living adjustment:

### MRA + 10 Retirement (transferees with more than 5 years of CSRS service)

A FERS employee who has performed at least 10 years of creditable federal service may be eligible for an immediate retirement upon attainment of the minimum retirement age (MRA) (between age 55 and 57 depending on year born). However, the employee

must meet the age and service requirement prior to separation to be eligible for this form of retirement. This annuity (both Civil Service Retirement System and Federal Employee Retirement System portions) would be reduced 5 percent for every year the employee is under age 62. However, the employee can lessen or eliminate the reduction by postponing the receipt of the benefit. For example: Jane Q. Public who was born in 1958 separates from service after performing 10 years of creditable service at age 56. If Ms. Public chooses to receive her annuity immediately, both the CSRS and FERS portions of the benefit would be reduced by 30 percent. Ms. Public may choose

to delay the receipt of the benefit until age 62 at which time there would be no reduction in the annuity.

### Early Retirement and Discontinued Service Retirement Eligibility (FERS employee)

For employees age 50 years old with 20 years of creditable service, there is no age penalty for the FERS portion of the annuity, but there will be a 2 percent reduction on the CSRS portion of the annuity for every year the employee is under age 55.

For employees at any age with 25 years of creditable service, there is no age penalty for the FERS portion of the annuity, but

there will be a 2 percent reduction on the CSRS portion of the annuity for every year the employee is under age 55.

### Cost of Living Adjustment

CSRS COLA begins the first year of retirement at any age. FERS COLA begins at age 62.

### Video Schedule

The videotape "Decision '98 FERS Open Season Briefing" will not be shown during the month of July. The Benefits Section of Civilian Personnel should receive the tape around Aug. 1. Watch for the schedule of dates when it will be shown.



# Benefits Section schedules retirement briefings



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Carmelle Soto, Chief of the Retirement and Benefits Section, looks through a few of the retirements that her section has processed in the last three months.

## Courtesy of Civilian Personnel

The Retirement and Benefits Section of Civilian Personnel has processed retirement requests for 470 employees who have retired this year with 312 more known retirements scheduled before the end of September. Employees who inform the Benefits Section of their retirement plans are scheduled for group briefings approximately one month prior to the desired date. The retirement briefings are in-depth with counselors available to answer individual questions and assist employees with all retirement forms.

Briefings are scheduled for July 9, 28, and 29; August 11, 12, and 18; and September 8, 9, and 10. It is imperative that employees adjust their personal schedules where necessary to attend these briefings. When possible, employees are rescheduled for another briefing prior to

retirement, but they cannot accommodate each individual's personal circumstance. If you have firm plans, such as vacation, surgery, jury duty, or TDY scheduled which you believe will interfere with listed dates, please contact Phyllis Conary at 643-5702 to make arrangements.

Some employees notify the Benefits Section on extremely short notice of their retirement plans which does not allow time for a briefing before the desired retirement date.

This office needs to be advised of your planned retirement date six to eight weeks in advance to schedule a briefing. They are aware of retirement dates for those employees retiring under the provisions of the Voluntary Separation Incentive Program.

Employees who retire before they can be scheduled for a retirement briefing will be provided reading material and a retirement package to complete.

# CPO gets 500 requests for retirement computations

## Gary W. Baddley

Chief, Work Force Effective Branch

The Retirement and Benefits Section of Civilian Personnel has received over 500 requests for updated retirement estimates due to changes in projected retirement dates and salary. Currently they, in addition to normal benefit programs, are processing approximately 100 retirement requests per month, providing information for and processing Civil Service Retirement System to Federal Employee Retirement System Open Season changes, and providing estimates to those who have not yet received one.

Estimates allow an employee to determine whether retirement is a viable option and arrange to make any deposits/payments which are in the employee's best interest. By law, only the Office of Personnel Management has authority to

determine actual retirement annuities. The Benefits Section completed 2,400 estimates between October 1997 and February 1998 for employees eligible to retire in 1998. It is now critical to provide estimates for over 1,000 employees eligible to retire in 1999 who have not previously received retirement estimates so they will have this information for planning. Although we would like to periodically update estimates, current workload prevents us from providing such service at this time. We have found recalculating retirements within a year seldom makes more than a \$25 per month difference.

Employees covered under the CSRS may wish to use the PCRETIRE program which is available at most manpower offices. Copies of the program may be obtained by providing a diskette to the Benefits Section with your name, office symbol, and phone number. Employees will be called when disks are ready for pickup.



Betty Faciane, Employee Relations Specialist in the Retirement and Benefits Section, shows the type of disk to bring in to them. If you are under CSRS they will provide you a copy of PCRETIRE on your disk. With that program, you can figure your retirement benefits as often as you wish.

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P.A. Corner

*P.A. Corner is another service provided by the Medical Group to better serve the base community. Answers to medical questions that you may have will periodically appear in this column as they are submitted to: P.A. Hill, c/o Family Practice Clinic, McClellan AFB, 643-8301.*

Summer is at last upon us. That means that people will be heading for the great outdoors. Some of us will be prepared and some will not. Below are a few of the possible medical encounters that may arise while you're out there, along with what to do.

Each year bee stings cause numerous allergic reactions ranging from a localized skin reaction to shock and even death. The skin reactions can be controlled with over the counter antihistamines and a nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drug such as Ibuprofen. Anaphylaxis, which is an emergent situation where breathing is compromised from swelling of the wind pipe, occurs in those individuals that are extremely sensitive to the toxin. A bee sting kit is a must for those people that know they are allergic to bees. A simple prescription from your medical provider at your next appointment will allow you to pick one up at the pharmacy. If you

have a bee sting kit that is over a year old, it needs to be replaced. This is also done by prescription. If you are out hiking and do not have a bee sting kit, in an emergency situation you can find them kept at park headquarters, recreation offices, etc. Places to watch for bees are soda cans, open food, garbage cans, and areas that have decaying fruit.

Tick transmitted diseases are also out there. Avoidance is the best defense, but not always practical for the outdoor enthusiast. If you are going to be in the woods or tall grass, protective clothing such as long pants tucked in to your boots can help. Insect repellents that contain DEET (N,N-diethyl-metatolumide) work great to keep ticks off. A new aerosol spray now on the market is Permanone. It is a spray that kills ticks on contact. Sprayed on clothing it has shown great results in preventing tick bites.

For ticks to transmit their diseases, they need to be attached for 24 hours. Full body tick checks twice a day are important in preventing disease. Areas they like are the scalp, groin and underarms. Removal of embedded ticks is done by grasping the tick as close to the skin as possible with a blunt tweezers and slowly pulling out. Care should be taken not to squeeze the body of the tick, doing this can inject toxins into your skin. Old wives tales such as alcohol or fingernail polish on the tick, or burning the tick with heat should not be used. These methods cause the tick to regurgitate its contents prior to backing out. Things to watch for after a tick bite are a large, circu-

lar, raised, red lesion and flu-like symptoms.

If you are headed up to the high Sierras, you should know about a disorder called Acute Mountain Sickness. It occurs at elevations above 8,000 feet. Some of the symptoms this disorder presents are headache, nausea, and lethargy worsened by laying down or over exerting. To avoid AMS, it is best to acclimate yourself to the new elevation for a day or two prior. If this is not possible, frequent rest stops, acetaminophen, staying well hydrated, and dropping down 500 to 1000 feet can relieve symptoms.

Last, but not by any means least, are rattle-snake bites. It is best to avoid snake areas all together. Don't place hands or feet where you can't see what is there. Don't hike alone or at night; don't handle snakes; and always wear leather boots. If you are bitten, avoid panic and move away from the snake. Don't try to kill it; you will only be bitten again. Next, immobilize the bitten extremity by splitting as if for a fracture. Rest and reduction of physical activity is important to slow the circulating of the toxin. Get medical help as fast as possible.

Don't cut into and use suction on the wound; this could worsen the infection. Also, do not apply a tourniquet; this will cause necrosis (death) of the tissue below the tourniquet and slow healing.

Some things you can do to better prepare yourself before that next adventure outdoors are to take a CPR course. If it has been a while, get re-certified. CPR is a skill that can always be used. Make sure your tetanus immunization is up to date. You never know when you will get a cut. Stay in shape with diet and exercise. And, if need be, have an up to date bee sting kit in your first aid bag. You do have a first aid bag, don't you?

Volunteers improve quality of service at McClellan clinic

Airman Cynthia Laurel  
77th Medical Group

The person that helps you at the pharmacy window may be an American Red Cross volunteer or a volunteer from the Medical Retiree Activity Office or a teen volunteer. No matter which organization the volunteer is affiliated with, they contribute a most valuable service to the clinic and to our pharmacy. The pharmacy lives and breathes through the efforts of our volunteers. Consider what they contribute every day.

Volunteer Duties

The most visible volunteers, of course, are at the pharmacy window. It may seem a simple job but they do more than just hand you a bag of medication. They assure that each customer

1. Has all their personal identification data on any handwritten prescriptions.
2. Is asked if they have any questions about their medication.
3. Receives all the medications they were expecting.
4. Signs for any prescriptions that contain controlled substances.
5. Alert pharmacy staff to those desiring specific medication information.

Make the job easier

You can make our volunteers' and staff's job easier by having your military ID card ready to present when you get to the window. If you are picking medication up for a dependent spouse, you should have your spouse's ID. Tell the volunteer how many items you are expecting to pick up. Tell them also if you have any medica-

tions you usually have to sign for or if you have any medications usually stored in the refrigerator. This information helps us find your prescription much quicker.

If you have a problem or a question, please ask to speak with a staff member or supervisor. The volunteers do their best to help you. Sometimes, your problem goes beyond what they are able or allowed to solve.

Thank you Volunteers

Lastly, and most importantly, please thank our volunteers for what they do. They work in a very high volume pharmacy and interact with many people every day. It makes their day when a customer shows their appreciation for their efforts. Remember that your "thank you" is their only pay! If a particular volunteer has been especially helpful to you, let an active duty member know. Likewise, if the service failed to meet your expectations, let us know.

Outside the pharmacy walls

It is not just the pharmacy that benefits from the work of volunteers. Most of the clinics and wards have volunteers that help answer phones, file records, staff the information desks, transport correspondence, copy documents, provide reading materials for waiting areas, direct patients to clinics, and many more tasks. Their dedication is inspiring and the best example of commitment we can imagine. Their pride in what they do is unparalleled.

Consider joining the ranks

Could you spare a few hours a week in volunteer time? Every effort is made to match your strengths with a volunteer position. If you are interested in any type of volunteer work,

contact the Red Cross Office at 643-8522.

To those who already contribute some of your time to this facility each week, you have our utmost thanks and gratitude.



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Barbara Boeddy, a volunteer, helps Al Martin, Management Analyst in the Commodities Directorate, at the pharmacy window in the McClellan Clinic. Volunteers speed up service, make clinic visits easier for patients, and cheer up the active duty personnel. You can volunteer too by calling 643-8522.



## Volunteer Ops



### Host families needed

The California International Relations Foundation and the California Department of Education need your help. From July 26 through Aug. 6, you could host a 10th or 11th grade student from Osaka, Japan in your home as part of the California-Japan Scholars Program. Activities for the exchange students have already been planned for most days, but exchange students will spend evenings and one weekend with their host families.

If you are interested in being a host family, please call Diane Matsuda with the California International Relations Foundation at (916) 445-2031.

### Military Personnel Flight

Four volunteers are need to sit on a Military Personnel Flight customer view process review team. Members must be in the grade of staff sergeant through captain and may be from any nonpersonnel career field. Volunteers selected must provide customer level input for the MPF process review. Members will be needed about 2 - 4 weeks for the next two months. Please provide names to Capt. Kevin Brooks by July 15, at 643-5427.



## Job Opportunity



### Dorm manager sought

Consolidated Dormitory Management is looking for aggressive, enthusiastic, able bodied, level headed individuals, to fill the position of Dormitory Manager. The preferred rank for a Dormitory Manager is Staff Sergeant. However, Technical Sergeants and Senior Airmen will be considered.

Dormitory Managers serve two years with an option for a one-year extension. Even though McClellan is closing, most dormitories on base will still be operational in the year 2000. So, if you would like to stay in sunny California for a little while longer, and meet the above criteria, the position of Dormitory Manager may be for you.

If you are interested in the position of Dormitory Manager, please contact Master Sgt. Williams, Consolidated Dormitory Management, at 643-0302 or 643-0158.



## Phone Book



The McClellan Telephone Directory is now available on the McClellan Web page. It can be found through the "Phone Book on the home page." It is currently divided into five sections: Organizational, Personnel, DSN, Quick Reference Numbers, and FAX Numbers.

Please help update and improve this directory by submitting the Change Request Form located with the "Updates and Comments" link at the bottom of the contents page.

POC for the Personnel Section is Kay Hollis, 643-2880; and for Organizational (and other sections), Diane Harris, 643-5657.



## New Location



### Goodwill trailer moves

The on-base Goodwill Donation Trailer has moved to the northside of the Commissary building along James Street. This is a more visible and convenient location to drop off used goods. Goodwill recycles those goods into cash to support job training and placement programs for people with disabilities and other barriers to competitive employment.



## F.Y.I.



### New transportation hours

The 77th Air Base Wing, Vehicle Operations Flight, Dispatch Operations Section hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. This change is due to the elimination of the McClellan – Mather Hospital shuttle service, and reduced air operations.

Requests for after hours support must be coordinated in advance with the Vehicle Dispatcher, at 643-2717. For further information, call Ronald Wilkinson, at 643-6715.

### DRMO local sealed bid sale

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office at McClellan is conducting a Local Sealed Bid Sale of surplus government property. The public is encouraged to participate. Viewing and bidding are permitted July 13 - 15 from 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the DRMO facility, Bldg. 700E. Bids will be accepted until 7:30 a.m., July 16.

Items to be sold include; Plumbing/Air Treatment Equipment, Electrical and Electronic Equipment, Office/Household Furniture, Automatic Data Processing Equipment, Generator Set-Gas Turbine Engine, and a lot more. Property is combined in like commodity groups and sold in various size lots.

For further information, contact the DRMO at (916) 643-3830 or visit the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office web site: <http://www.drms.dla.mil/catalog/official/42-8210.htm>.

### Military appreciation service

You are invited to the Family Community Church's second annual military appreciation service July 19 at 8 and 11 a.m. Refreshments will be served immediately following each service. The church is located at 6331 Watt Avenue, (916) 334-7700. The Family Community Church will host this event to honor those men and women who currently serve or have served in the armed forces. This information was provided by the Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1322/A1322.

### NCOA pizza day

The McClellan Chapters of the Noncommissioned Officers Association will conduct their annual pizza fund-raiser, July 14, 5-10 p.m., at Round Table Pizza on the corner of Walerga and Elkhorn Blvds. Base members are asked to eat dinner at Round Table Pizza that evening. Proceeds received are used to support the quarterly awards program and other base activities. For further information, contact Tech. Sgt. Dennis Zimmerman at 643-4427 or Chief Master Sgt. Jim Sullivan at ext. 643-1141.



# Base Education Office announces fall programs

Courtesy of the Base Education Office

## Golden Gate University

Registration for Golden Gate University's Fall I 1998 Term (Aug. 3 - Oct. 10) will be underway soon. Registration dates are July 20 - 31. Bachelor's and master's degrees are offered. Registration is open to both military and civilians. Register at Bldg. 8, Room 211. For further information or an appointment, call 643-2640 or 925-2347.

## American River College

Registration for the fall semester at American River College is now underway through Aug. 17. Fall semester classes start Aug. 17. Students may register on base at the ARC McClellan Outreach Center, Bldg. 8, room 236. All classes are open to both military and civilians. For more information, call the Outreach Center at 643-5623, Monday through Thursday 10:20 a.m. - 7 p.m.

## University of Idaho Graduate Degrees

Are you investigating cost-effective and time-efficient ways to upgrade your engineering education while working full-time or pursuing other goals? The University of Idaho offers an Engineering Outreach Degree Program using videotape, interactive video conferencing, electronic

mail, the World Wide Web and printed materials, leading to master's degrees in several disciplines. Video course degree programs offered are:

- Agricultural Engineering (M.S. and M.Engr.)
- Civil Engineering (M.S. and M.Engr.)
- Computer Engineering (M.S. and M.Engr.)
- Computer Science (M.S. and Ph.D.)
- Electrical Engineering (M.S. and M.Engr.)
- Engineering Management (M.Engr.)
- Geological Engineering (M.S. and M.Engr.)
- Mathematics (Master of Arts in Teaching)
- Mechanical Engineering (M.Engr.)
- Metallurgical Engineering (M.S.)
- Mining Engineering (M.S.)
- Psychology with an emphasis in Human Factors (M.S.)

For information on fall 1998 course offering, degrees, admission requirements and cost, visit the Education Office, Bldg. 8, Room 225, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m..

## Air War College and Air Command and Staff College

The Base Education Office is continuing to recruit military and civilian students for Air War College and Air Command and Staff College Nonresident Studies

Seminar Programs. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible to meet school deadlines for these programs. The AWC Nonresident Studies Seminar Program is open to active duty and reserve lieutenant colonel-selectees and civilian employees GS/GM-13 or above. For those students who cannot take advantage of these seminar programs, ACSC offers the option of cyber seminar, and both ACSC and AWC correspondence courses are also available for immediate enrollment. Stop in at Bldg. 8, room 225, for forms and further information, or contact Linda Pilkington at 643-4776, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Study Skills Classes

Additional class dates for July and August are now available for the Study Skills and Test Taking class. This class is primarily designed for military members to obtain the greatest benefits possible from military training courses and successfully complete off-duty education. However, the class is offered to civilians on a space-available basis. Additional class dates are July 31, Aug. 14 and 28. Military members, please contact your military training manager. Civilians contact your civilian training coordinator, who may contact the Base Education Office, Bldg. 8, Room 225, 643-4776, Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Yearly Tuition Assistance Cap

Beginning Oct. 1, there will be a yearly (fiscal year) cap of \$3,500 per student applied for tuition assistance. This is due to DoD standardization of tuition assistance policies. It is anticipated this change will not affect a large number of members using tuition assistance. However, careful yearly course planning will be necessary for those who will be affected by this cap. For further information, contact the Base Education Office, Bldg. 8, Room 225, 643-4776, Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Tuition Assistance

Military students receiving tuition assistance, or approved for bootstrap or educational deferment are reminded of their responsibility to assure grades are provided to the Education Office each quarter or semester, as soon as they are available. Funds management issues require final course grade upon course completion. The schools do not automatically forward grades. Failure to keep up with this responsibility as each course is completed will result in delays during PCS or separation out-processing. Prior to dropping a tuition assistance, bootstrap or educational deferment course; or for more information; contact the Education Office, Bldg. 8, Room 225, 643-4476, Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Chapel to conduct Summer Blast School

The McClellan Chapel Community will conduct Summer Blast Vacation Bible School for children 4 to 12 years old at the Base Chapel: July 17-18, 7 - 9 p.m., and July 19, 9 - 10 a.m.

The Summer Blast is open to everyone from 10 a.m. to noon, July 19. The Worship Service and Parish Picnic will be held at Rafferty Hall.

To register or for more information, call Lynnette Johnson at 725-9376 or the Base Chapel at 643-6021.



## AFCEA awards scholarships to area students

Victoria R. Merriweather  
Chief, Internal Information

Ten area high school students were presented scholarships during the Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association scholarship luncheon held at the McClellan Officers' Club June 22.

On hand to present the scholarships was Brig. Gen. Michael P. Wiedemer, SM-ALC vice commander. The guest speaker was retired Maj. Gen. James A. Hopp, former SM-ALC vice commander. His topic was, "There are no secrets to success."

A total of \$8,500, in \$500, \$1,000 and \$1,500 increments, was given to the scholarship recipients. The winners were: Wassim Ali, Corey Downum, David Garcia, Andrew Gibson, Marcella Grant, Michael Linville, Erica Nakamura, Quang Nguyen, Bennett Reed IV and James Wegat.

AFCEA chapters, which Sacramento is one of 130 chapters, give engineers, programmers, managers, government officials, and military personnel continuing opportunities to exchange



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Assembled following the presentation of the scholarships are recipients and presenters, (left to right): Corey Downum; Quang Nguyen; Bennet Reed, IV; Brig. Brig. Gen. Mike Wiedemer, SM-ALC vice commander; Ann Gibson, mother of Andrew Gibson; Erica Nakamura; Lt. Col. Dean Allred, AFCEA Chapter President; and David Garcia.

ideas about communications, intelligence, imaging, and information systems technologies. The AFCEA Educational Foundation provides scholarship, fellowships, and awards to students in science programs.

For more information on scholarship information or to join the Sacramento AFCEA Chapter, contact Lt. Col. Dean S. Allred at 643-0273.





### Quest for Camelot - Friday

Animated - During the days of medieval England's King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table, Kayley and Garrett, accompanied by a two-headed dragon, go on a quest. They must foil the plans of the evil Ruber from capturing the magical sword, Excalibur, and thus being able to conquer the kingdom. G. 86 minutes.

All movies start at 7 p.m.

### Deep Impact - Saturday and Sunday

Robert Duvall, Tea Leoni - What do you do when you discover that your planet has only two years to exist? A reporter, a young couple and a team of astronauts are charged with preventing a comet from colliding with and destroying the Earth. PG-13 (intense disaster related elements, brief language). 123 minutes.

## Units 'shine' in Champion Wheels



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The Champion Wheels contest held June 29 gave base units a chance to display their best "spit and polish" techniques on their unit vehicles.

Vehicles are judged in categories such as engine cleanliness, tire pressure, interior condition and correct paperwork.

SM-ALC Commander, Maj. Gen. Eugene L. Tattini, 77th Air Base Wing Commander, Col. W.P. "Bear" Ard, 77th Air Base Wing Directorate Commander, Col. William Fuqua, and Superintendent of the 77th Air Base Wing Logistics Directorate, Chief Master Sgt. Paul Shaw, were the judges for the event.

The 938th Engineering Installation Squadron took honors in the event with their 1.5 ton truck. Vehicle control officer, Terry Sheffler, credits Tech. Sgt. Stewart Klabenesh, Staff Sgt. Michael Poole and Senior Airman Cedric Poncho with turning the truck into a prize winner.

Senior Airman Brett Hamilton, vehicle dispatch operator with Base Transportation, checks the oil on a vehicle as SM-ALC Commander, Maj. Gen. Eugene L. Tattini makes notes about the cleanliness of the engine.



**Left:** Airman Roberto Velez, Network Technician, and Master Sgt. Mike Morris, Chief System Controller, inspect the 77th Communications Squadron vehicle before the Champion Wheels contest.

**Right:** Staff Sgt. David Sepulveda, 652nd CLSS, checks his reflection in the hood of his unit's truck in preparation for Champion Wheels.



### Youth Center

**Today:** Open recreation, 2 - 6 p.m.; open gym, 2 - 3 p.m. and 4 - 6 p.m.; snack bar, 2 - 6 p.m.; advanced gymnastics, 3 - 4 p.m.; New Comers' Night 5 p.m.

**Friday:** Open recreation, 2 - 6 p.m.; open gym, 2 - 6 p.m.; snack bar, 2 - 6 p.m.; Skate Night, grades K-3, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., \$2.75 per member, \$3.75 per guest, maximum 36 kids.

**Saturday:** Open recreation, noon - 5 p.m.; open gym, noon - 5 p.m.; snack bar, noon - 5 p.m.; piano lessons, noon - 3 p.m.; late soccer registration 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; \$55 per member, \$60 per non-member. Must bring birth certificate or I.D. Card. Stingrays swim meet at Beale AFB. Call for time.

**Sunday:** Closed

**Monday:** Open recreation, 2 - 7:30 p.m.; open gym, 2 - 6 p.m.; snack bar, 2 - 6 p.m.; children's martial arts, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday:** Open recreation, 2 - 6 p.m.; open gym, 4:15 - 6 p.m.; snack bar, 2 - 6 p.m.; Moms and tots play group, 10 a.m.; beginning gymnastics, 2:15 - 3:15 p.m., and 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Open recreation, 2 - 6 p.m.; open gym, 2 - 6 p.m.; snack bar, 2 - 6 p.m.; Couples Communication Class, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. To sign up, call Family Advocacy at 643-1518.

### Recreation Briefs

#### Yosemite hiking trip

Go on a hiking trip in Yosemite National Park July 12. The van will leave Talbot Fitness Center at 6 a.m. and return to the base at approximately 9 p.m. Hikers will need to wear suitable clothing and comfortable shoes. They should also bring a bag lunch or lunch money. The cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call Millie Stefani at 643-2596.

#### Aerobics classes

Fitness Plus aerobics classes are held Mondays through Fridays at a variety of times. The classes get participants into a fat-burning zone, increasing both muscular and cardio-vascular endurance. For specific class times or more information, call Fitness Plus at 643-0701.



# DACOWITS represenative discusses women’s issues during base visit



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Maj. Rae A. Dotter, 77th Operation Support Squadron; and Enita Elphick, DACOWITS representative; enter the Sierra Inn Dining Hall for a working lunch with representatives of various base organizations.

**Maj. Rae A. Dotter**  
77th Operation Support Squadron

Enita V. Elphick of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services visited McClellan Air Force Base, June 24. After an introductory meeting with Maj. Gen. Eugene Tattini, Sacramento Air Logistics Center commander, Elphick received a mission briefing on McClellan and DACOWITS topics of interest given by Col. Connee Lloyd, director of the SM-ALC Aircraft Management Directorate.

The main thrust of Elphick’s visit was to meet with interested servicemembers to discuss topics concerning force utilization, career opportunities, and quality of life issues. Five “focus” groups were organized: Junior Enlisted Women, Senior Enlisted Women, Junior Women Officers, Senior Women Officers, and Senior Enlisted Men. Elphick hosted a 45-50 minute

discussion session with each group. She also took a “working” lunch at the Sierra Inn Summit Room where she met with male and female commanders and first sergeants representing a variety of base organizations.

In keeping with her position as Vice Chair, DACOWITS Quality of Life Subcommittee, Elphick took walking tours of the McClellan Air Force Base Women’s Health and Pediatric Clinics, and made a visit to the Child Development Center. Lt. Col. Margaret McGuire, commander of the 77th Medical Group, Medical Support Squadron; and Maj. Leslie Ness, flight commander of the 77th Medical Group Business Operation Flight, expertly guided Elphick through the clinic’s featured areas. Later, Betty Ona, Family Members Support flight chief and Eleanor Arcia, McClellan Child Development Center director hosted a tour of the CDC.

“I enjoyed my short visit to McClellan and appreciate the input of all participants,” said Elphick.

If you desire to give the DACOWITS Committee additional information, you may provide written input to OASD (FMP) DACOWITS, 4000 Pentagon, Room 3D819, Washington, D.C. 20301-4000.



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Col. Connee Lloyd, Aircraft Management Director, speaks with Enita Elphick, DACOWITS representative, in the 77th Air Base Wing conference room during her visit to McClellan, June 24.

## Restoration Advisory Board to meet July 15

### Meeting

The McClellan Restoration Advisory Board will host a public meeting to discuss the progress of McClellan’s environmental cleanup program.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 15

**Times:** Poster Board Session 6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  
RAB Meeting 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
Poster Board Session 8:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

**Location:** Vineland School Auditorium, 6450 20th Street, Rio Linda.

RABs provide a forum through which local communities, installations, and regulatory agencies can work together in an atmosphere that encourages discussion and exchange of information on current and future environmental programs at McClellan. The public is encouraged to participate through programs like the RAB.

### Poster Board Sessions

The purpose of the Poster Board sessions is to allow community members the opportunity to view detailed information about ongoing activities related to McClellan’s Installation Restoration Program. The Poster Board sessions also give the public an opportunity to discuss specific questions and answers with the McClellan Restoration Team Members on a one-on-one basis.

**Poster Board Station #1** Basewide Cleanup Activities  
**Poster Board Station #2** Groundwater Containment  
**Poster Board Station #3** Community Relations  
**Poster Board Station #4** Creek Work Update

If you would like an agenda, additional information regarding the public meeting, to be added to the mailing list for McClellan’s environmental cleanup program, or need special accommodations for the meeting, please contact the Restoration Advisory Board Coordinator, at (916) 643-1742, ext 352.

## CRIME BEAT

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residence in Capehart Housing. Patrolmen and Security Forces Investigation personnel responded to investigate which revealed an unidentified individual attempted to break into the residence by removing the window screen. Investigation pending.

### June 14

- The law enforcement desk received notification of an individual suspected of passing worthless checks at the commissary. Patrolmen responded to investigate which revealed a patron had passed several bad checks at the commissary in the past. The individual was detained and transported to the law enforcement desk for further processing. Her shopping privileges were suspended pending legal review for Federal Magistrate Court.

### June 16

- A military member reported the theft of a bicycle from his residence in Capehart Housing. Investigation revealed the bicycle was left unsecured in a storage area in front of the residence.
  - The law enforcement desk received notification of a vehicle accident in the parking lot of the commissary. Investigation revealed an employee struck another employee’s vehicle, while attempting to back out of a parking stall. Both vehicle operators exchanged information.
    - A military member was detained for shoplifting at the Base Exchange. His shopping privileges were suspended for six months. The member’s First Sergeant was notified. Commander’s action pending.
    - A civilian employee reported damages to his vehicle in the parking lot of Bldg. 251. Patrolmen responded to investigate which revealed a shingle from the roof of the facility had fallen and struck his vehicle.

### FOUND PROPERTY

- One bicycle helmet
- One American flag
- One watch
- One wallet
- Various keys
- One key ring containing 94 government keys

To claim any items, contact Security Forces Investigation at 643-3280.

**DID YOU KNOW?** A direct communications line has been established to the Law Enforcement Desk for the public to advise Security Forces of possible or probable crime or criminal activities within the military community. Any individual wishing to report a crime or witnesses a “crime in progress”, may call the direct line (643-6161) for Security Forces personnel to be notified. Note: The caller may elect to remain anonymous if he/she so chooses. Reference SFOI 31-10 or contact Security Forces Resource Protection at 643-6285.

See next week’s *Spacemaker* for more Crime Beat.

# 77th Air Base Wing says goodbye to Davis; 77th Comm Squadron welcomes Braboy



McClellan Air Force Base said goodbye last week to Col. Richard L. Davis, 77th Air Base Wing vice commander, and Lt. Col. Gregory J. Touhill, 77th Communications Squadron commander. It also welcomed Lt. Col. Andrea Braboy, the new 77th Communications Squadron commander, into the McClellan family.



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Maj. Gen. Eugene L. Tattini bids a fond farewell to Col. Richard L. Davis, 77th Air Base Wing Vice Commander at Davis' retirement ceremony June 30 in front of Bldg. 1. Davis was presented with the Legion of Merit, the Humanitarian Service Medal and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal during the ceremony. Col. Robert Martinelli will take Davis' place in mid August.



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Col. Michael J. Iltis, 77th Support Group commander, presides as Lt. Col. Gregory J. Touhill relinquishes command of the 77th Communications Squadron in a ceremony held July 1 at the Bldg. 1 flag pole. Lt. Col. Andrea A. Braboy assumed command of the squadron.

## Family Support Center receives \$4,104.96 gift

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It may not have been the California lottery, but it was a gift the Family Support Center couldn't refuse. To receive an unsolicited gift of \$4,104.96 on a Monday morning is a sure bet that your day is off to a good start.

On June 22, John Ellis, CEO of the McClellan Defense Task Force, presented Aaron Tolliver, Family Support Center director, with the check. "The money will be used for a variety of purposes to benefit the McClellan Air Force Base community," said Tolliver.

The Family Support Center is the service organization for Air Force families and is a focal point for family matters. The FSC provides services in four areas: Information and referral, counseling and follow-up; Coordination and consultation with other base and civilian agencies to strengthen base policies and programs, all in an effort to benefit Air Force families; Assistance for base leadership in their effort to meet family needs; and Family life education and skill programs.

The FSC provides services for active duty military and their families; Guard and Reserve members and their families when on active duty; retired military personnel and their families; and DoD civilians and family members. "Families may receive assistance and support from the FSC before, during and after times of national emergencies, mobilizations,

deployments, and separations or evacuations," said Tolliver.

The gift was money that the MDTF had after having met all their expenses related to their 1995 campaign to save McClellan. On June 26, 1993, the Base Closure and Realignment Commission voted six to one in favor of keeping McClellan Air Force Base open. "After leading a successful campaign to keep the base open and recognizing that the battle

had just begun, we scrambled to organize the McClellan Defense Task Force," said Ellis. "The Task Force was established in 1993, and we set out to create a grassroots network of local affiliates that were willing and able to take action on BRAC issues. An all out effort was made to support the Department of Defense and the U.S. Air Force positions to keep McClellan open and implement comprehensive interservicing and realignment of depot maintenance workloads," he added.

The 1995 campaign to save McClellan was costly but was well supported by donations from area businesses, groups and individuals, said Ellis. Contributions were received from the following base groups: Engineers and Scientists Associations, Technical Skills Association, American Federation of Government Employees, McClellan Management society, International Federation of Professional Technical Engineers and the Alliance of Government Managers. "Because of the good-hearted and generous support for McClellan, all of our expenses were met with a remaining balance of \$4,104.96," said Ellis. "In keeping with the theme for which the money was collected, we decided to donate the balance to the McClellan Family Support Center," he added.



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Aaron Tolliver accepts a check for \$4,104.96 from John Ellis. The money was raised by the McClellan Defense Task Force and was the excess left over after all their expenses were met.